



Dorothy Emma Johnson

September 10, 1925 - February 16, 2024

Dorothy Emma Swanson was born on September 10, 1925, to Harry and Georgia (Mathews) Swanson on the family farm south of Cook, Nebraska. She was the sixth of eight children (Beulah, Nellie May, Selma, Lillian, Albert, Lucille, and Vogene) and was the last to survive. The relatives all called her "Dot."

Dorothy graduated from Cook High School in 1943 where she loved to play softball and volleyball. She married Harold Vernon Zwiebel on October 4, 1946, in the Methodist Church in Cook. They farmed near Syracuse, Cook, and Dunbar in the earlier years, then moved in September of 1951 to Yutan where Harold worked at his brother Lester's garage. Three daughters were born to Dorothy and Harold. Harold passed away on October 29, 1965, at age 43 due to kidney failure from Type 1 diabetes which he had been diagnosed with when they were newly married. Dorothy married Carlos L. Johnson in Fremont on February 23, 1968, and gained two step-daughters, Jeanette and Faith. She was widowed again in June of 2001.

Dorothy was always involved in the many activities of Women's Fellowship in her church, St. Peter's United Church of Christ (formerly St. Peter's Evangelical & Reformed Church) in Yutan. She worked part-time in the Yutan Public Schools kitchen for a few years before taking a full-time position at Western Electric in 1968 where she worked for 10 years.

Dorothy loved to garden and can the produce, sing, listen to big band music, watch "Wheel of Fortune," bake, travel, attend luncheon meetings of the "Former Belles of Mount Hope," and spend time with family and friends. Red was her favorite color. She enjoyed sharing her birth date each year with great-grandson Maklin and her nephew Gary Carlsen. Her younger sister Lu once said that she didn't know anyone who loved having company more than Dot. She lived her life sharing kindness and love.

Dorothy fell in her home in June of 2018 and was hospitalized for 3 weeks, then resided at Saunders House Assisted Living in Wahoo for just over 5 years. She was moved to Saunders Medical Center Skilled and Long-Term Care in August of 2023.

Dorothy is survived by daughters Marilyn Witte, Diane (Bob) Sealock, Jackie (Steve) Pella, grandchildren Greg (Cara) Sealock, Julie (Brian) Faulkner, Tim (Tracy) Sealock, Kyle (Lori) Witte, Colleen (Dan) Comer, Kim (Aaron) Vlasnik, and Clint (Kara) Pella, step-daughter Faith Dunn, 19 great-grandchildren, and many loving relatives. She was predeceased by step-daughter Jeanette Martens.

Funeral service will be Monday, 11 AM at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn with interment at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn. Visitation Sunday from 3-5 PM at the funeral home. Memorials can be made to Yutan Fire and Rescue or Mount Hope Cemetery near Cook, NE. Dorothy's funeral service will be streamed and can be viewed in the photos and videos tab of her obituary page on Reichmuth Funeral Home's website.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dorothy Emma Johnson*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - February 22, 2024 at 11:13 AM

MT

“ *When I was brand-new to the family, I was bold enough to ask if I could help her when she had her knee surgery. A special time together; a special memory. I love you, Aunt Dot.*

Margery

Margery Tipton - February 25, 2024 at 02:59 PM

DA

“ *Dawn/Stephanie/Renee/Lonnie/Nicole purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Emma Johnson.*



Dawn/Stephanie/Renee/Lonnie/Nicole - February 24, 2024 at 03:31 PM

CS

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Cara Sealock - February 21, 2024 at 09:33 PM

CT

Sympathy to Dorothy's whole family. Her ready smile and cheerful nature made a big impression on this Yutan girl!

Connie Talbott - February 26, 2024 at 09:48 PM

CS

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Cara Sealock - February 21, 2024 at 09:31 PM

TF

“ *The Albert Swanson Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Dorothy Emma Johnson.*



The Albert Swanson Family - February 21, 2024 at 01:39 PM

TF

“ The Albert Swanson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Emma Johnson.

The Albert Swanson Family - February 21, 2024 at 01:39 PM

TW

“ I always enjoyed visiting with "Dot" as I called her as I was growing up. She was such a sweet and dear lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Carol (Husak) Widman, Terry Widman

Terry and Carol Widman - February 19, 2024 at 05:07 PM

SW

“ Sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. Had her as a Sunday School teacher at St Peter's United Church of Christ.. She was a very sweet Lady.

Susan Whitmore - February 18, 2024 at 10:07 AM

DR

“ So very sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing, she was such a kind lady and always had a smile for you, our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this trying time. Allen and Denise Rowell

Denise Rowell - February 17, 2024 at 08:43 PM

GC

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Gary Carlsen - February 17, 2024 at 02:05 PM

GC

“ Sorry to here of your mothers passing. Know that she is with your father and I will keep her in my prayers. We shared the same birthday and she will not be forgotten. Gary Carlsen



Gary Carlsen - February 17, 2024 at 02:03 PM